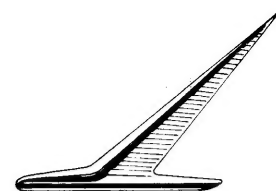


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Here is is time to get together another newsletter and I don't have any idea what to write about.

One thing for sure, if you missed the March 29th meet at Searcy, you missed a good time. The Falcon Club respented about 1/3 of the cars there. Those Falcon's sure looked good to me. I want to thank everone who came. We met in Jacksonville that morning and toured to Beebe for Breakfast, and then on to Searcy for W & W FORD Sales 36th Anniversary Celebration who had invited the Falcon Club and other car clubs for thier Anniversary show. Everone was invited back again next year.

On the way to the show someone had a blowout and then found out that his spare was flat (wonder who Jim). Those who were at the meet were: Jim West-62 2dr Sedan, Jim thorgmorton-65 Futura HT, Larry Sword-67 Futura 4dr, T. I. Wood-61 2dr Sedan, Shrable Williams-with Mr. Wood, (Mr. Williams has promised that his 1963 Convertible will be ready by Aug. for the National meet), Frank Slack-63 Futura Convertible, Roy Sword-63 Futura Sports Convertible.

We had a very good business meeting at the Western Sizzin Steak House that night, (Had 22 there). The final plans were made for the National meet in August. You will find a flyer enclosed about the meet with this newsletter. We hope all who plan to come will Pre-register and made your reservations as soon as possible. This will help make the final arrangments for the banquet.

There will be a Pre-registration for the meet, it will save you money and us a lot of time at the meet. This way we can have everthing ready for you when you get there.

I hope every one will be able to attend the Banquet, it will be a Two Meat Dinner Buffet Style, (all you can eat). All Pre-registrations and Banquet reservations should be sent to the Tour Chairman. (Make Checks payable to the Falcon Club).

ALL MOTEL RESERVATIONS will be made by each person, The Holiday Inn is holding 50 rooms for us until August 1st, use the form on the flyer and send it to the Holiday Inn in Hot Springs, Ar. The club cannot make any reservations for you.

Hope to see all of you there.

Roy E. Sword, President  
Falcon Club Of America

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## UPDATE: (Coming Events)

MAY 18, 1980 1-5 PM

The Falcon Club of America will have a mini-meet and a Business meeting at Dupree Park, Jacksonville Ar. For more info contact Roy Sword.

JUNE 28, 1980

CLEARWATER SERTOMA COLLECTOR CAR FESTIVAL Clearwater, Fla.  
Dave Burton one to the FCA's members and the meet chairman for this meet has invited The Falcon Club. Anyone who can attend this please contact Dave for details. Dave Burton, Clearwater Sertoma Club P.O. Box 4238, Clearwater, Fla 33518. Phone (Home 813-531-8289) (Office 813-446-0504).

AUGUST 22-23, 1980

FALCON CLUB OF AMERICA 1st NATIONAL MEET Hot Springs, Arkansas  
This will be at the Holiday Inn #2 on Lake Hamilton on Hwy. 7 South. Plan now to attend the meet and Banquet. Be sure to bring those extra parts you have for sale or trade.

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#### SET UP MEETS:

Be sure to look over the roster and try to set up a mini-meet in your area. If all goes as planned, we will be forming chapters the last part of this year.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Roy

Just thought I would write and give you fine folks some inputs for your next club newsletter. I would also like to say that the T-Shirts look great.

The first item concerns the Borg-Warner T-10 4 speed found in many of the Falcons. I had a recurring problem with mine constantly jumping out of 3rd gear. I replaced the complete Syncro. Assy. and it was still jumping out. After close inspection of the Synchro teeth on the 3rd gear itself, I decided to change it. Now the real problem began. This gear was not available anywhere in the state of AZ. I finally located the gear at the following address: (Arrow Warehouse Distributors, LaVerne, Calif.) This gear was manufactured by Republic Gear Works and to the best of my knowledge it is only available from a Republic Gear Distributor. I might also add that the warehouse I dealt with would not sell directly to the consumer, but only to certain parts houses. By the way, my Sprint no longer jumps out of gear.

The second item of interest concerns literature available on Falcons. I have been playing with Falcons for 5 years now and the literature available has been negligible. I have found a book that should be part of every Falcon enthusiasts library. (Automobile Quarterly, Volume 17 No 4) The article covers 16 pages with 4 color plates. The article is authored by George F. Merwin, who was apparently the team Chief for Falcon's first Monte Carlo races. The article is excellent and tells how the Sprints first came into being. With authoritative writers like Mr Merwin around, perhaps the Falcon Club could offer him a free lifetime membership or something in exchange for further info, to be published in the Club Newsletter.

I have read in two different sources that the Falcon Sprints were offered with Special Suspension Packages, however the Ford parts books don't list any. Do any readers out there have any copies of dealer's option tables?

The last comment I have to make is to let you know some of us out here in the Phoenix area are really interested in the local chapter possibilities. We are watching for all encouraging news.

Your truly  
Ronald F. Wilson

P.S.

I hope the rest of the T-Shirts arrive soon so I can get mine back from my wife!

Dear Roy

Thanks very much for the excellent neesletter and membership card to the F.C.A. Though I'm normally not much of a "joiner" of anything I do have an obsession for elderly Falcons (particularly 61's); hense, my avid membership to the F.C.A's cause.

I have a bit of information pertaining to your recent Question and Answer Section: Only the 1960 Falcons were benfit of front-fender top accessory ornaments. In 61 they were first offered and some Deluxe models came with them (though rarely) while others could be obtained from dealers and installed. They weren't commonly ordered (even the 61 Owners manuals don't list them as an accessory), nevertheless, they were offered.

There fender - top ornaments came in two differant styles in 61, the more common type being of a half-spear design and solidly chrome plated. The uncommon type had a translucent vane of heavy plastic behind the "spears" head.

Though the plastic and chrome ornaments looked spiffy and are decidedly more uncommon than the all chrome units, they did have a tendency to "weather", i.e., to check, crack or chip and, as you might guess, easily broken, espesially in a fender bender or with brittle old age.

You're correct in that the 62 and 63 had the fender - top ornaments, though they were of a different design from the 61's, having a circular Fort Crest embedded in plastic atop the chrome base, and I hope you can use this bit of information to possible pass along.

I have a question: have you or any member seen a "Deluxe" 61 Ranchero ? I have never, though in my 61 Falcon shop manual it shows a Ranchero with the "Deluxe" side trim (body contour trim) like the other "Deluxe" sedans and two & four door "Deluxe" wagons had. I have several fullcolor, detailed advertisements of the 61 Ranchero, but none of them are depicted with the chrome body-side trim. I would like to learn whether there were such "DeLuxe" 61 Rancheros offered then, or if the sketch in the ship manual is in error. (Possibly the trim was "dealer installed"?)

I'm also looking to purchase four good, used 13" 61 Falcon wheel-covers (not hubcaps) which wan't cost me a lung. I'd prefer N.O.S., sure, but the cost of them is a bit prohibitive, espec-ally since my Ranchero will be used for most of the year and isn't being restored to be a concours show machine, though I do intend it to be well detailed "original" specimen.

Have you any info on the production amount numbers for the Rancheros, from 1960 on up until they became the Fairlane Ranchero's ? I'd appreciate any light you could shed on this. The 61's don't seem to be as common as the 60's or 62's; I searched for seven years to find a good, restorable 61 (from 1972 to 1979) and in my travels I found about two 60's and possibly four 62's for each 61 I investigated, covering the largest portion of the U.S. and a broad expanse of Canada. My curiosity has been piqued for many years. All years, however, seem to be uncommon.

I own four 61 Falcons; two are four-door sedans and two are Rancheros. Of the four of them, two are "parts cars" with the 61 Ranchero being my special pride "n" joy, My fiancée, Julie, owns a beautiful, mint condition 62 Futura, with the 170 C.I. engine and automitac, with bucket seats, console and tinted glass.

I would like to order three Falcon Club decals from you.

Congratulations on having the foresight to form the F.C.A. It has been long overdue and it's time has come.

Sincerly Yours  
Kenneth M. Hustvet

Letters to the editor should be sent to the Editor and marked "for the FALCON News"

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If anyone would like to start a certain Project of any kind, Let the Editor know and he will let all the members know by publishing it in the newsletter.

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#### THE CLUB STORE:

Club T-Shirts \$5.00 Each Postpaid  
Sizes: Adults S-M-L-XL. Childerns S-M-L.

Club Decals: \$1.00 Each Postpaid

Send all orders to Pat Sword, Tour Chairman  
629 N. Hospital Dr.,  
Jacksonville, Ar 72076

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#### CLUB PHOTO ALBUM:

The Tour Chairman has started a picture album for the club, this way it can be taken to meets for everyone to see. So be sure to send a picture of your car and write on the back of it, what it is, your name, city, and state. Send this to the Tour Chairman.

The Falcon Club Business Meeting was held March 29, 1980 at 7.00 p.m. at the Western Sizzlin Restaurant in Jacksonville, The meeting was called to order by President Roy Sword.

The first order of business was discussion of the 1980 National Meet. It was decided that the date be changed to August 22 and 23 and that the Meet would be held at the Holiday Inn on Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The activities will begin on Friday morning, March 22, and end Saturday night, August 23, with a Banquet. Mrs Linda Acrey made a motion that this first meet be an Open Meet and Mr. Spinks seconded the motion and all agreed that anyone who owned a Falcon and Wanted to register would be welcome. It was, also, decided that there would be only three trophies given for: People's Choice, Longest Distance and the Oldest Falcon driven. The trophies will be given at the Banquet. Roy suggested each person registering a car be given a registration Packet containing several items. A motion was made by Tommy Warren and seconded by Glen Acrey that the Club do this. Mrs. Linda Acrey made a motion that the Registration Fees be \$8.00 for Pre-Registration and \$10.00 at the meet. motion was seconded by Tommy Warren and approved by all.

The next item of business was discussion of the Club using one address for all the mail to come to. Roy suggested we use his home address and everyone agreed.

The Club Patch was discussed and Tommy Warren made a motion and Glenn Acrey Seconded it that the Club Patch be the same as the window decals, which are blue, with white writing, and a gold colored Falcon Bird in the center.

Jim West read the Treasurer's Report as follows:

Treasurer's Report

Balance as last report on 1-10-80 \$ 525.72

Income:

Dues Collected	8850.00		850.00
		Balance	<u>\$1375.72</u>

Expenses:

Advertising	\$ 58.80		
Printing	50.58		
Postage	147.84		
Memeograph Mach	202.28		
Supplies	90.30		
Club Decals	160.58		
Returned Check	<u>10.00</u>		
Total Expenses	\$720.38	Expenses	<u>-720.38</u>
As of 3-25-80		Bank Balance	\$ 655.34

- 1 Outstanding debt - Memeograph Machine (\$204.56)
- 2 Payments due 3-15-80 and 4-15-80 of \$102.28 each.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

Jim announced that the Club now has 205 members with one from Norway and One from Canada and Two from Alaska and the others from 42 states and still growing every day.

Mr. Spinks made a motion and Glen Acrey seconded it that the Club buy an addressograph machine. All approved.

Roy announced that the Club Store started with \$125.00 and now has \$171.00 in its fund, plus four dozen T-Shirts on hand for sale. Tommy Warren suggested the Club Store try to get caps, and Mr. Spinks suggested having key rings made. The Tour Chairman is checking on this and will report at the next business meeting.

When to have the next business meeting was discussed and it was decided to have a Car mini meet and include the Business Meeting about the middle of May at DuPree Park in Jacksonville. Details will be announced later in the Newsletter.

We now have a Bulk Rate Permit to mail the Newsletter so if you move, be sure and let the Editor know, Because the Post Office will not forward Bulk Rate Mail.

It was, also, decided by all to give a special recognition to Terje Saethre FCA 161, who was the first member to join from another country. The last item on the Agenda was discussion of paying off the outstanding debt of \$204.56 on the mimeograph machine. Mr. Spinks made a motion and Mr. Williams seconded it that the Club take this amount and pay off the machine. All agreed.

Mr. Spinks made a motion and Tommy Warren seconded it that the meeting be Adjourned. Roy Sword thanked all who came and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

PEGGY WEST  
SECRETARY - THE FALCON CLUB  
OF AMERICA

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#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

The new members number 196 thru 252 is listed on a seprate page so you can add them to your roster. Look over it and see if anyone in your area has joined and give them a call and welcome them to the club.

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#### NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

The club now has a BULK RATE mailing permit. This saves the club several dollars each month. The Post Office will not forward bulk rate mail without postage due. So be sure to let the editor know if your address is not correct or if you have moved. Be sure that your Zip Code is correct also, it can slow your mail down, check your address label to see that all is up to date.



## CLASSIFIED ADS:

Ads will be placed in THE FALCON NEWS at no cost to members. Ads should be typed or printed just as you want them to appear in the newsletter. Ads must be sent to the Editor each month you want them to appear in the newsletter. All ads received after the 10th may be published in the next newsletter. Send ads to Roy E. Sword 629 N. Hospital Dr., Jacksonville, Ar 72076

## CARS FOR SALE:

1963 Falcon Sprint: Professional ground up restoration, New or NOS chrome (some rechromed) Rangoon Red with black buckets, 4 speed, Console, Tach, Radio, Stock 289 with 260 heads, (500 2bl holly), Dual hush ex., Concord radials on 66 Mustang road wheels, Show winner twice. Must sell (unemployed) Best offer over \$4600.00. John Dee Baker #55, RD #2, Shippenville, Pa 16254 PH 814-782-3173

1961 Falcon, 4dr Sedan, 144 C.I. engine, Rebuilt front suspension, New half quarter panels for rear. Minus: Flywheel, Bell Housing, Clutch, Pressure plate, Trans, Drive shaft and Pedal assembly. Asking \$250.00. Ralph C. Bray JR, 315 Annette Dr., Centerville, OH 45459 PH NR 513-433-8170

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## CARS WANTED:

1963 Falcon or Comet, Fastback or Convertible, Good Shape, Will trade 79 Honda CB650 (3000 mi) or 71 Ranchero (302, AT, PS, PDB, CB and more) or CASH. Mark Jahn, 876 Upham, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 PH NR 805-543-5486

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## PARTS FOR SALE:

1963 Convertible: Parting out 1963 convertible, good original front and rear bench seats (black), hood, deck lid, pass door, 170 cid engine, working power top unit, complete top frame, other misc parts available. Call or write....John C. Kliminske FCA-172 20 Carlson Pkwy, Cedar Grove, NJ PH NR 201-256-2532

For 1963 Falcon: T-10 4 speed (borg-warner) \$100.00,  
Used grille (63) \$20.00  
2 - full wheel covers (used) \$10.00  
1 - Sprint roof medelion (right) \$8.00  
New Falcon mirror (outside) \$20.00  
(with Falcon on it)  
2 - Interior door panels (black) \$25.00  
1 - Console (black) \$20.00  
1 - Chrome ring and Boot for shifter \$25.00  
1 - Chrome ring (only) no boot \$8.00

John Dee Baker, RD #2, Shippenville, PA 16254 PH NR 814-782-3173



Good used 1961 grille with parking lights, \$35.00, 1961 NOS Ring & Pinon set 7", 3.50-1 - \$100.00. Barby W. Brunken, 11408 Broadmoor Dallas, TX 75218

I offer many original Falcon brochures in excellent condition and PPD via Air Mail if any Falcon Club members are interested. 1961 Falcon 7X10 color folder \$7.00, 1962 Falcon 8x11 color catalog \$8.00, 1964 Falcon 8x11 color catalog \$6.50, 1966 Falcon 8½x11 color catalog \$6.50, 1967 Falcon 7x11½ color catalog 6.50, 1968 Falcon 8½x11 color catalog \$6.00, 1969 Falcon 8½x11 color catalog \$6.00, 1970½ Falcon 8½x11 color catalog \$5.00, 1960 Falcon Ranchero 7x11½ color catalog (real nice item) \$8.00, 1961 Falcon Ranchero 8½x11 color folder \$7.00, 1964 Falcon Ranchero 8½x11 color folder \$6.50. We offer the following with each Literature order, 1. Original items 2. All items sent via Air-Mail. 3. All items packed and labled (Photos) to insure No damage in the mail. 4. All orders filled within 24-hrs upon receiving your order. Gary E. Hinkle, P.O. Box 3875 Modesto, Calif 95352

N.O.S. Seat Cover Sets: (A complete set consist of Front and rear covers) 1961-1964 Falcon & Ranchero, These seat covers are factory original upholstery complete with emblems or embossment. 1961 and 1962 - a few bucket seat sets available in red, turquoise and beige. \$275.00 per set. 1963 Bucket or bench style, all colors available, \$250.00 per set. 1964 Bucket or bench style, \$250.00 per set except Palamino (Tan) bench seat style which is \$175.00 per set. 1963 or 1964 Ranchero steenhead pattern seat covers. \$100.00 per set. 1963 Convertible top wells, \$20.00 each. 1963 Red Convertible top boots minus snaps, \$25.00 each. Other 63-64 Ford Products seat covers available, Include style, bench or bucket type seat, and color desired. Add \$10.00 Per set shipping. T. L. Auto Interiors, 22721 15 Mile Rd., Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 Phone 9 AM to 10 PM 313-792-2779

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#### PARTS WANTED

For 1964 Falcon Futura's : Two rear window rubbers. Thomas Hendrix c/o Treadwell Auto Trim 368 Laurie St. Melbourne, FL 32905

For 1964 Falcon Ranchero: A cardboard glove box, Hood ornament, and Dash pad to complete restortion. Tom Wilmont, 1590 Vista Del Valle, El Cajon, Ca 92021

For 1963 Falcon Futura Convertible: 170 Cubic inch engine and a six-cylinder four speed transmission. If anyone knows how I might be able to locate a four-speed transmission which will work with the six-cylinder engine please contact me. Johnny H. McDaniel, Route #4, Box 21 Madisonville, TN 37354 PH NR 615-442-3707

For 1968 Falson 2dr: N.O.S 1 ea Rocker panel molding #C9D2 6210176A, NOS 1 ea Left quarter moulding #68D2 6229077A, NOS 1 ea Heater switch #C802 18578A. Leon Grantham, 8108 E 59th St. Kansas City, MO 64129 PH NR 816-353-3084

For 1964 Falcon 2dr H.T.: Rubber seals for Back glass, Windshield, Doors. Billy E. Davis, 6292 Seminole Trail, Mentor, OH 44060  
PH NR 216-946-1021

For 1963 Futura Convertible: NOS Red arm rests. I have items to trade ie. Sprint gas cap, Excel looking 8 cyl tack-no base doesn't work ? Perhaps other items (or will buy armrests) Bob Morrow, 1510 NW 133rd Ave, Portland OR 97229

For 1964 2dr H.T.: N.O.S. Front and rear bumpers, Exhaust manifold for 170 Cu in eng, Shifting tube for manual column shift (3 speed). Leslie Williams P.O. Box 401, Bradley, IL 60915

For 1964 Falcon: Fender well for passenger side or information on how to repair one that is rusted out. Leslie Williams, P.O. Box 401, Bradley, IL 60915

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